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FALL OF THE  
SITH EMPIRE  
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# STAR WARS TALES OF THE JEDI™

## The Fall of the Sith Empire



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## First Encounter

After escaping from Naga Sadow and the Sith Empire, Jori Daragon arrives back in the Republic, broadcasting her warnings. But no one will believe her, not her old friend Aarrba the Hutt, and not the judge. She loses possession of *Starbreaker 12* to the greedy, reptilian merchant lord Ssk Kahorr, and she is sent off to a harsh colony world to serve her penal sentence. . . .

Jori wastes no time escaping from the planet, though. She **MUST** deliver her warning to Empress Teta, no matter what. She succeeds in stealing an ore hauler, flies back to Cinnagar, and ejects to safety as her stolen ship is shot down. Jori makes her way through the city streets, boldly climbs the exterior of Empress Teta's palace, and breaks inside.

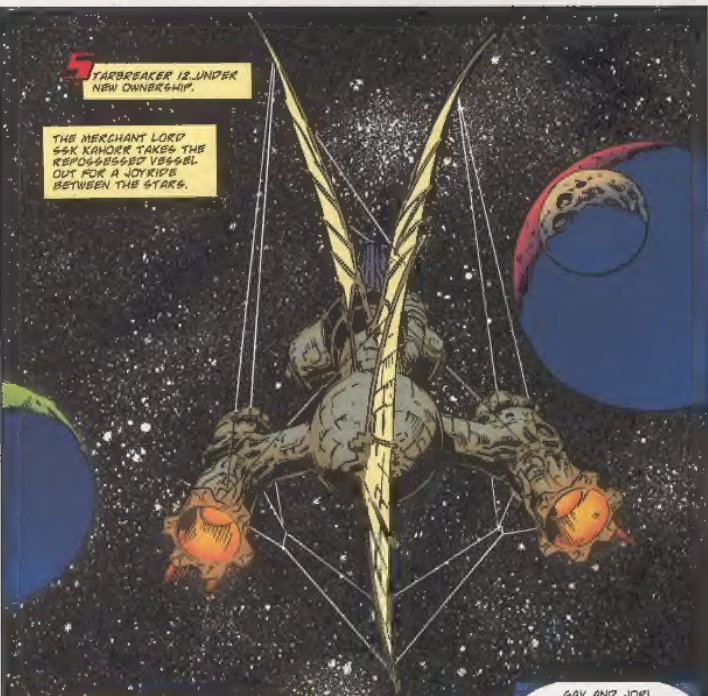
Meanwhile, her brother Gav is still stinging from Naga Sadow's tricks. The Dark Lord reminds Gav of his downtrodden life in the Republic, and how it will be different under Sith rule. Sadow's fleet takes shape from the scattered planets of other Sith Lords: vast ships, huge battle beasts, heavy weaponry. Sadow will direct the battle from his sinister meditation sphere. Still tempting his protégé Gav, Sadow gives him military command of the fleet. Reeling with uncertainty about attacking his home, and wishing Jori could be with him, Gav takes the helm. The Sith war fleet launches toward the Republic, following the beacon hidden inside *Starbreaker 12*. . . .

In her palace, Empress Teta meets with her Jedi advisors Memit Nadill, Odan-Urr, and his ancient Master Ooroo. Ooroo has arrived because he, too, senses the dark undercurrents, frightening visions that suggest a terrible impending war . . . even though the officials on Coruscant will not heed the warnings. Suddenly, Jori drops from the balcony, breathless, shouting her story before the guards can silence her. Empress Teta hears enough, though, to know this is confirmation of their greatest fears. Jori nearly collapses with relief when the Empress and her Jedi summon their defensive fleet and prepare for battle.

But it may already be too late, because Naga Sadow is on his way. . . .

**5** STARBREAKER IS UNDER  
NEW OWNERSHIP.

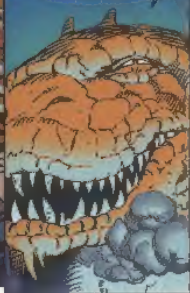
THE MERCHANT LORD  
SSK KAHORR TAKES THE  
REPOSSESSED VESSEL  
OUT FOR A JOYRIDE  
BETWEEN THE STARS.



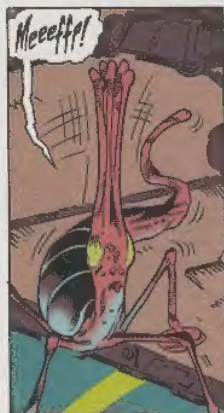
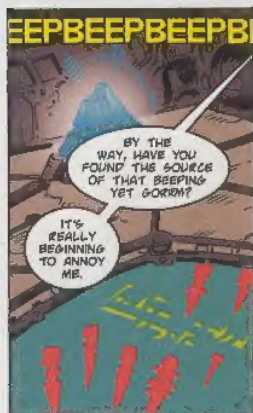
LET ME TAKE  
THE CONTROLS,  
GORRM...

I WANT  
TO SEE HOW  
WELL THIS SHIP  
HANDLES.

GAV AND JORI  
D'ARAGON KEPT IT IN SUCH  
FINE CONDITION FOR  
ME!



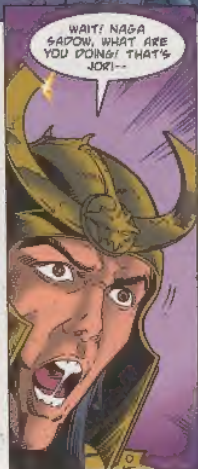






A  
BATTLE  
FLEET! AND  
THEY'RE HOMING  
IN ON  
US!

GET US  
OUT OF HERE,  
GORRAH!!







MY SISTER  
BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN  
ON THAT SHIP!

THIS DEAL IS  
GETTING WORSE ALL  
THE TIME...

CHECK YOUR SENSORS,  
GAV. NO HUMAN LIFE-  
FORMS ABOARD STAR-  
BREAKER 12.

IT WAS  
JUST A  
DECOY.

WE HAVE A  
WAR TO COMMENCE!  
FLEET COMMANDERS,  
YOU HAVE YOUR  
ORDERS!

GAV, YOU WILL LEAD THE  
MAIN FLEET...

WHILE I GO  
OFF IN MY MEDITATION  
SPHERE, AND WORK ON  
OUR MOST POWERFUL  
WEAPONS...

"STRIKE SWIFTLY AND  
DECISIVELY TO CONSUME  
TETA'S WORLDS..."

"OTHERS WILL STAB THE HEART OF  
THE REPUBLIC. WE CAN DOMINATE  
CORUSCANT IN AN EYEBLINK!"

"STRATEGIC SKIRMISHES WILL CRUSH  
RESISTANCE BEFORE OTHER FLEETS  
CAN PULL TOGETHER."



**CORUSCANT.**

GREETINGS,  
JEDI!

WELCOME,  
MEMIT  
NEDILL!

WE CAME  
IN RESPONSE TO  
YOUR URGENT  
CALL.



EMPRESS  
TETA HAS RECEIVED A  
PIRE WARNING--THE SITH  
ARE PREPARING TO  
ATTACK!



I AM HERE TO SOUND  
THE WARNING, TO ALL WHO  
WILL HEAR.

THE JEDI  
KNIGHTS ARE HERE TO  
DEFEND THE REPUBLIC,  
MEMIT NADILL...

YES, AS  
ALWAYS, OLD  
FRIEND



WE MUST ASSESS CORUSCANT  
DEFENSES...

WE WILL  
RALLY OTHER JEDI.  
NO WARRIOR OF THE  
FORCE EVER FIGHTS  
ALONE.

IT IS  
A GOOD START...I  
HOPE IT WILL BE  
SUFFICIENT.



WHAT?  
THE INVASION  
ALARMS!

I DID  
NOT ARRIVE SOON  
ENOUGH!













ANNAGAR IN  
EMPRESS'S  
TETRA  
PLACE

THIS TACTICAL  
SCREEN SHOWS ALL THE PRONGS  
OF THE SITH ATTACK AGAINST  
THE REPUBLIC

THEY'RE  
STRIKING  
EVERYWHERE  
AT ONCE

THIS IS  
WORSE THAN MY  
NIGHTMARES

THE REPUBLIC SENATE  
IGNORED OUR WARNINGS BUT NOW  
WE MUST LAUNCH EVERYTHING TO  
STOP THIS INVASION.

EMPRESS,  
GIVEN THE  
SIZE OF THAT  
FLEET, WE  
MAY NOT BE  
ABLE TO  
DEFEND  
OUR OWN  
WORLDS

LUABAN  
YOU AND  
YOUR REBELS  
HAVE CAUSED  
ENOUGH  
DAMAGE

LET  
HIM SPEAK,  
VONTAIGE


EMPRESS,  
MY REBELS  
FOUGHT AGAINST  
YOU ON KIRREK  
BUT NOW WE  
WISH TO JOIN  
YOUR MILITARY  
FORCES.

FOR  
AMNESTY









LAUNCH MY  
BATTLESHIPS. WE  
MUST DEFEND  
OUR WORLD WITH  
OUR BLOOD.

'BEAUTIFUL CINNAGAR  
MUST NOT FALL TO  
THE SITH!

"MANY OF OUR WARSHIPS  
WERE DAMAGED OR  
DESTROYED IN THE RECENT  
UNIFICATION WARS..

EMPRESS TETA  
I NEED A SHIP--  
ANY KIND OF  
SHIP

I'M A  
DAMNED GOOD  
PILOT

NO! WE'LL  
ALL HAVE PLENTY  
OF OPPORTUNITIES  
TO FIGHT

THEN  
GIVE ME A  
WEAPON!



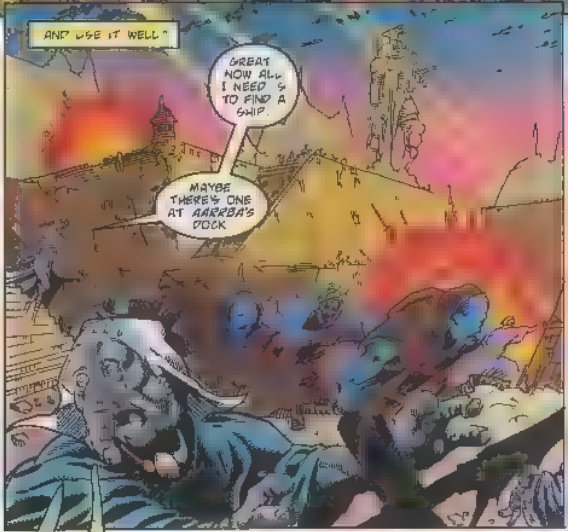
"BUT I THINK WE CAN  
STILL MAKE A GOOD  
ACCOUNTING OF  
OURSELVES"

KEEP  
VIGILANT

WEAPONS  
READY, GENERAL...  
WE'RE READY



TAKE THIS  
SWORD OF THE  
JEDI KNIGHTS.  
JEDI PARAGON  
A LIGHTSABER  
TO PROTECT  
YOU



AND USE IT WELL"

GREAT  
NOW ALL  
I NEED IS  
TO FIND A  
SHIP.

MAYBE  
THERE'S ONE  
AT AARRBA'S  
DOCK

THE 6TH INVASION  
FLEET OVER KOROS  
MAJOR

READY  
MY TRANSPORT  
I'M GOING DOWN  
TO LINNAGAR  
MYSELF

NAGA SADOW HAS MADE YOU  
THE COMMANDER OF OUR FLEET! YOU MUST  
REMAIN HERE AND COMMAND

YOU WON'T  
BE SAFE DOWN  
THERE IN THE  
BATTLE  
ZONE

RELAX  
I'LL TAKE  
SOME  
MASSASS  
GUARDS  
WITH ME

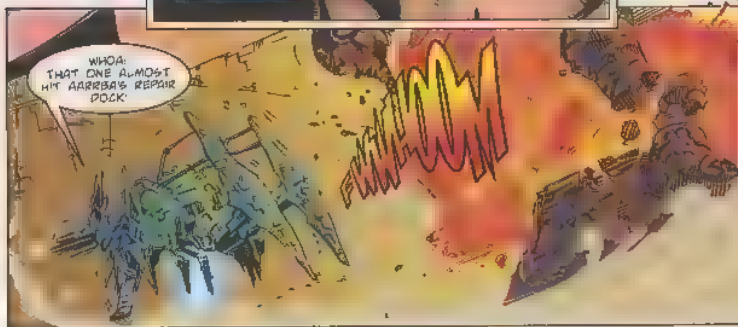
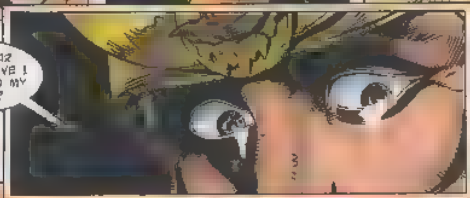
IF I  
CAN SHUT  
DOWN THE CITY'S  
DEFENSES, WE'LL  
TAKE KOROS MAJOR  
IN A NEAR  
BLOODLESS  
VICTORY

JUST  
PROVIDE ME  
COVERING  
FIRE

I KNOW  
WHERE I'M GOING AND  
I KNOW WHAT I'M  
DOING

JDR  
ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?







FOLLOW  
ME! STAND  
READY!

STILL  
TINGLING...JORI'S  
NEARBY...SOME-  
WHERE.

AARBA,  
OLD FRIEND,  
I NEED YOUR  
HELP TO  
FIND.

GAV,  
'DARAGON!  
YOU TRAITOROUS  
SALT-MONSTER!  
HOW DARE  
YOU.


OF  
COURSE.  
SHE WOULD  
PROBABLY HAVE  
GONE BACK TO  
AARBA...MAYBE  
THE HUTT  
KNOWS WHERE  
SHE IS.

WHA?

AARBA...

AAKKGGK!





WHAT  
HAVE YOU DONE?  
AARBA

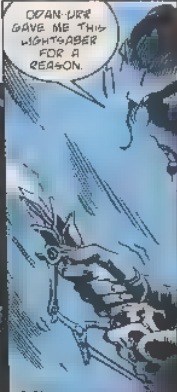
HE  
WASN'T A  
THREAT. HE  
WASN'T  
ATTACKING  
ME

JOR!

GAY: YOU  
KILLED AARBA  
HOW COULD  
YOU

I DON'T KNOW YOU,  
GAY YOU ARE NOT MY  
BROTHER!

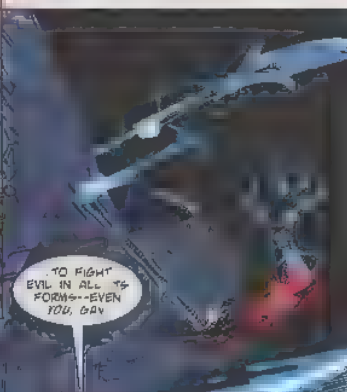




ODAN-URE  
GAVE ME THIS  
LIGHTSABER  
FOR A  
REASON.



GARR  
KILLAH!



TO FIGHT  
EVIL IN ALL ITS  
FORMS--EVEN  
YOU, GAV



WAIT  
JORN! LET  
ME EXPLAIN!  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN



ZZZZZZ



I HELPED  
DEFEAT THESE REBELS  
DURING THE UNIFICATION  
WARS, USING MY JEDI BATTLE  
MEDITATION. NOW I AM  
FIGHTING BY THEIR  
SIDE...

THE FORCE  
OFTEN WORKS  
IN COMPLEX  
PATTERNS  
OOAN-URR.



EVEN HERE IN MY  
TANK, I WILL JOIN YOU  
IN THE STRUGGLE.


I AM, AFTER ALL,  
THE ONE WHO FORCED YOU  
TO LEAVE YOUR COMFORTABLE  
STUDIES AND THROW YOURSELF  
INTO THE THICK OF  
THINGS.



I'M NOT  
WORRIED, MASTER  
OOROO. THESE WARRIORS WILL  
FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM...  
FOR AMNESTY FROM  
THEIR REBELLIOUS  
ACTS.

"THE DEFEATED REBELS EXILED  
TO RONIKA ARE ON THEIR WAY...IF  
ONLY THEY GET HERE IN TIME.

"WE WILL HOLD  
THE CITADEL  
UNTIL THEN."



READY,  
MEN! HERE COME  
THE DROP  
SHIP!









PREPARE  
FOR THE FIGHT  
OF YOUR  
LIVES!

THE  
BATTLE FOR  
KIRREK HAS  
BEGUN!